

THE HISTORY OF POCAHONTAS COUNTY.

If a sincerely hoped that all our readers will read with more than ordinary attention the account of the Pocahontas History, recently published in the Rockbridge County News. This article is published at the times to give some expression of how greatly we appreciate such kind words about our county histories. We are also anxious that the advance subscribers may see what a worthy thing they did in procuring their all and co-operation, without which this history of their county would never have been published, so far as we are now.

The kindly notice given on look to a person who is the poet of any living man in the Virginia for natural endowments and acquired learning, is to be regarded as something extraordinary, and should be correspondingly appreciated by all, who had any part in the production of the Pocahontas History and its circulation.

The Rev W. T. Price has done a great work for his county by gathering an amazing amount of local material pertaining to the early settlement of Pocahontas County and publishing on his own family press a well printed book of over two hundred pages. It is a work that very few men are capable of doing so well, and one which no man of a later period could do so well. The indifference of former generations to the history of local current events, is now changing to an intellectual rapacity in regard to all things ancient, however apparently trivial they may be. Old people are again valued, and a neglected garret a century old is a paradise to an antiquarian, and even now the surface of the old earth is being dug over and sifted for ancient relics and records of every description. After while it will not be the compilers of history who will be honored so much, as the men who gather their material from unpolished and often unwritten sources. Such authors as John Stuart, Livestock, Kershaw, Foster, Brock, Waddell, Peyton, Hale, Virgil Lewis, and now W. T. Price. The sort of work these men do does not attract the multitude, and is often strangely neglected by intelligent people, who have a direct relation to the subjects treated, but there is always a circle whose good opinion is worth having, who welcome and appreciate these local histories. Moreover, such works grow in value from generation to generation.

Mr Price in his history of Pocahontas seems to have gone beyond all the rest in the abundance of appropriate material which he has gathered, and I think it may be said that his arrangement of his material is uncommonly good. His work is a gem in the history of the county and a chapter on its physical characteristics, that occupies the first two pages. Then he groups the people into families, following the generations, and then, in turn, and in turn, and in turn, describes them individually, gives their occupations, and traces a multitude of personal and family incidents, all of them interesting, and many of them thrillingly so. These family histories occupy over 100 pages, and will ever remain a monument to the industry and kindly spirit of the author.

Mr Price in his occasional articles has long shown a fine talent for this sort of reminiscence and genealogical description, and his history of Pocahontas is a masterpiece of a graphic pen. An interesting volume could be made from his selection of incidents taken from the book.

Some readers, perhaps, would prefer more condensed in some parts, and some might object to its many local and religious references scattered everywhere. It is refreshing to find a work which will have writers who have to utter such sentiments, and who do so in a natural and wholly unobtrusive way.

If so large and valuable a book can be made on a thirty pound volume, and comparatively recent times, when a book may be made on old Rockbridge? If there is no volunteer historian to undertake this work, might not the county authorities take up the subject?

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THE BABY HAND.

(An incident related to me by a Minister.)

Upon the window-pane impressed, Marks of a baby hand.

The little fingers all outstretched, As graven in the sand.

The sun-shine of a little child, Seals into every room.

And then 'till last, now can we find Our sun-beam for the gloom.

He ran, he played, he laughed and cried, As little children do;

As little children do, Upon the window-pane, Seeking a pasture new.

A sickness came—it came to all, And this was unto death;

Who gave, He took, and O the change—

No sound, no stir, no breath! The tiny fingers are no more.

Upon the window pressed, As imbed in a last long sleep.

Upon the infant breast, Deep grief fell on the household then.

Through years its memory lasts: For the shadow reaches (O so far, A little coffin casts).

The mother finds in daily toil And cherishes that pane;

A token to her saddened heart, The baby finger-stain.

How precious are the little things! That speak of children gone!

A broken toy, a missing shoe, But most, the voice, the tone.

We hear them speak, Ah! they are not.

Yet 'tis a heavenly strain; O! will it not be pleasant once To see our own again.

That mother has been joined to Both in the better land;

And still for us the fragile glass— The graven baby hand.

God would not grieve, He never lets His children needlessly;

Wherefore the pain, the aching void, Hereafter we shall see.

A. L. P.

The passenger train made its first trip to Durbin Wednesday.

Miss Rosa Cooper will display a full line of up-to-date fashionable millinery at my store in Cass on Monday, May 12th. I will call the attention of my many friends to this line of millinery: the latest and finest of its kind, in charge of an experienced milliner.

SAMUEL COOPER.

The recent arrangement made by Baltimore's selling the city's holdings in the Western Maryland to the Fuller syndicate, implies very much for the development of Randolph, Harbour, Lewis, Gilmor, Calhoun, and Wirt counties. Forty or fifty new coal enterprises are anticipated, employing thousands of hands, and bringing to West Virginia thousands of families in the coal-mining industry.

NOTICE.

I wish to inform the people of Marlinton and vicinity that with the assistance of Paul G. Jacob, the famous cook of the Homestead Hotel of Hot Springs, Va. I have in addition to my hotel opened a restaurant where I will serve meals, cooked to order, at all hours, everything first-class and modern. Cooking unsurpassed in Marlinton.

Come in and give us a call.

S. J. BOKES, Central Hotel

AFTER LONG DELAY

I am here at last. I have just arrived here from Baltimore to Cass, W. Va., with one of the largest and best stocks of goods ever brought to the county, consisting of Dry Goods, Notions, Fancy and White Goods; Clothing, Hats, Shoes, A complete line of Ladies and Gents' Furnishings, Millinery, Laces, and Fancy Trimmings, Groceries, Queensware, Hardware, &c.

I wish my many friends and patrons to come and examine our stock and get our prices. No doubt you will be convinced that these are the best goods at the lowest figures.

As it will take a few days to upon up and display our stock of goods, we will be ready for business and have our GREAT OPENING next

THURSDAY, MAY 15, 1902.

In the new store house just erected by Howard Bird.

The Reliable General Merchandise House,

SAMUEL COOPER, Proprietor

Cass, W. Va.

Second Sight.

In these dark, natural, with a haloed, brightly lighted with the sun of beauty's first glow.

There is only one way to get the right sort of glass cover to be set, have your eyes treated and tested.

We make no charge for this service.

FRANK DEHL,
Dentist and Optician

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

POCAHONTAS BANK.

Located at Marlinton, in the State of West Virginia at the close of business, April 30, 1902.

Bank first began business November 23, 1899.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts	\$5,427 28
Overdrafts	1,230 97
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	22,779 04
Other real estate owned	2,000 00
Due from banks	2,845 58
Checks and other cash items	825 41
Lawful money reserve in bank	3,549 90
Expense	67 03
	\$65,495 11

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	16,500 00
Surplus fund	1,000 27
Undivided profits	905 05
Due to banks	1,230 97
Subject to check	45,807 32
Demand Certificates	3,314 28
	\$69,445 11

State of West Virginia,
County of Pocahontas:

I, E. H. SMITH, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

E. H. SMITH, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of May, 1902.

J. A. SYDENSTRICKER,
Notary Public.

Uriah Bird, Levi Gay, Geo. P. Moore, Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

BANK OF MARLINTON

Located at Marlinton, in the State of West Virginia at the close of business, April 30, 1902.

Bank first began business June 21, 1899.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts	\$8,234 29
Overdrafts	537 02
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	15,995 25
Due from banks	44,015 01
Checks and other cash items	2,385 01
Lawful money reserve in bank	7,250 35
Expense	1,000 12
	\$159,065 00

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	25,000 00
Surplus fund	5,000 00
Undivided profits	1,600 70
Due to banks	3,000 00
Deposits subject to check	100,265 30
Notes and bills rediscounted	9,000 00
	\$159,065 00

State of West Virginia,
County of Pocahontas:

I, F. R. HUNTER, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

F. R. HUNTER, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of May, 1902.

HUBERT SCHOLLS,
Notary Public.

J. W. Price, Wm. M. Sharp, Andrew Price, Directors.

L. Makowicz, the Merchant - Tailor,

Roseverie, W. Va.

On account of the uncertainty of travel on the railroad, the bad condition of the country roads and making it next to impossible for those living at a distance to take advantage of my coming, I deferred my weekly visits to Marlinton until better weather, hence I wish to announce that I will resume my weekly visits to Marlinton on Wednesday, May the 14th, coming up on the morning train, and returning on the afternoon train of the same day. All visiting treatment of Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat, will please come in promptly as I will make these visits for a limited time only. As it involves considerable expense on my part to do this, it will be impossible to keep it up unless you come promptly. For further particulars inquire at Echols Drug Store.

H. R. JOHNSON, M. D.,
Roseverie, W. Va.

HOUSE FOR RENT.

I will rent the two-room house near the depot, in Marlinton. The property is very suitable for hotel purposes, or for a dwelling house. For particulars apply to the undersigned.

MRS. RELLA F. YEAGER
Marlinton, W. Va.

Contracts To Let

SKIDDING CONTRACTS FOR 3 to 6 TEAMS. APPLY TO

Greenbrier River Lumber Company,
MARLINTON, W. VA.

Public Auction

of

Valuable Personal Property

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA

In the matter of Wm. McGill, Bankrupt, In Bankruptcy.

Pursuant to a decree of said Court, entered at a Creditors meeting of said Bankrupt, held on the 10th day of April 1902, at Marlinton, in said District, the undersigned trustees of said Bankrupt will on

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 1902

Proceed to sell at Public Auction to the Highest Bidder, for Cash, the following property, to-wit:

1st. About 360,000 feet of choice lumber, consisting of ash, cherry, pine, basswood and other varieties. All stacked in a careful manner and ready for shipping along a spur track at Marlinton, Pocahontas County, West Virginia. This lumber has been landed about seventeen miles and carefully selected and graded and has been stacked in such a manner that it is a very desirable lot of lumber to be shipped to the markets.

Said lumber is classified approximately as follows:

Ash	79,292 feet	Walnut	200
Bass & Cucumber	20,866	Cherry	2,280
Maple	65,708	Birch	1,800
White Oak	84,500	Elm	14,040
Poplar	8,150	Chestnut	1,560
Spruce	31,302	Other Lumber	3,200
Red Oak	7,560		

2nd. At the same time and on the same terms we will offer for sale some piece other property, to-wit:

House hold and kitchen furniture, consisting of chairs, bed stands, stoves, a shot gun and rifle, wardrobes and dressers, roll top desks, a raggy press, typewriter and desk, etc. Mill men's tools and supplies, axes, hammers, loggins, blacksmith's tools, chains, etc. Lumbering oil, wagons, cranes, saw, etc., etc.

One 30 horse power engine and boiler, complete gaswell outfit.

A lot of 6, 8, 10, and 12 inch boring, shafting, gas pipe, and a complete set of saw, iron frame.

Said sale will take place at Marlinton, W. Va., beginning on the day aforesaid, and will continue until all the aforesaid property is disposed of.

SALE AT SLATY FORD, Friday May 23, 1902

On Friday, May 23, 1902, at the mill site on the Riverbank at Slaty Ford, we will sell the same terms one 30 horse power or less, engine and boiler, and one 30 horse power, and other articles belonging to the same lot as above, bearing in mind the same.

L. M. MACINTOSH,
W. A. BRATTON,
ANDREW PRICE,
Trustees

When You Want UP-TO-DATE CLOTHING,

Shoes, Hats, Ties, Collars, Shirts, Underwear, Gloves, Half Hose, Trunks and Suit Cases call and I can show you a complete line.

I now have most of my Spring and Summer Goods on hand and I am sure they are as pretty as I ever saw and in the very latest styles. I am the **SOLE AGENT** for the

Celebrated Chesterfield soft and stiff Hats, International Armor Brand Shirts and Collars, guaranteed fast colors and to fit perfectly, also Sweet, Orr & Co's. fine Dress Pants, Corduroy Pants and Overalls which are all Union made, and great prices are taken in the manufacturing of these pants so they fit nicely and the goods are the best that money can buy.

Why pay twenty-five dollars for a made-to-order suit of clothes when you can get them from twelve dollars up? I have one thousand or more samples to select from. The very latest patterns of Imported suits are shown, made in any style you want. Every suit has the Union label on it, guaranteed to fit.

This is just what the manufacturers say. "We give no premiums, and have no schemes for pulling business. Our only scheme is to do the kind of work that makes steady customers. Our eyes and ears are on the alert for improvement. If we hear of a 'star' enter we hire him. If we hear of a 'cracker-jack' tailor we get him. In brief, we aim to keep right up next to the land wagon in the great business world."

J. A. Hoover, Clothier,
MARLINTON, W. VA.

Farming MACHINERY

To be sold at cost and carriage by A. E. Kinnison

This is the Farmer's Implement and Supply Company's Stock, Consisting of Wagons, Plows, Haying Machinery, Fertilizers, and almost every Machine and Implement to be used by the Up to date Farmer.

In order to make room for a general transfer depot for the McCormick Machine Company and the Empire Drill Company, I will sell for cost and carriage the entire stock of goods now in the Farmers' Implement and Supply Company Building at Seebert. It consists of

- 5 Milburn Wagons, assorted sizes
- 10 Birdwell Wagons
- 6 Oregon Grain Drills, full rigged
- 3 Hoosier Grain Drills, Fertilizer
- 1 Bickford & Hoffman Drill
- 1 Superior Grade Grain and Fertilizer Drill

A. E. KINNISON,
General Agent.

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X-Ray outfit, Microscopic, Chemical and Bacteriological Laboratory, All Modern Equipments.

Admits Outpatients of Women, Surgical and Medical Cases. Rates: \$10 A Week.

Full Staff of Physicians - - - Trained Nurses - - -

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Is known the world over as the best made. They are first-class in every respect.

We are sole agents in Pocahontas County for the Frick Company's Celebrated Machinery, consisting especially of Engines, Sawmills, stationary and portable, Steam Boilers and condensers, The Kelpen Engine, and all other articles and have the highest second-hand quality. They are powerful, durable, and are well built in every particular.

Frick Company's Machinery are the most perfect made today. They are strong, light running, and are not overburdened with extra weight, easy to get out of order. Having with full particulars for a general

Coyner Bros.

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